Boston Industrial Home

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1904

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Twenty-Seventh Annual Report

OF THE

Boston Industrial Home

(Incorporated)

CORNER DAVIS STREET AND HARRISON AVENUE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904

This is an Illustrated Report; it will interest you. When you read it, please hand it to some one else, that it may do good.

The Boston Industrial Home

(1905)

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Mrs. A. E. Wright, *Matron.*

LEANDER BEAL, *Treas.* R. G. F. CANDAGE, *Pres.* R. W. HASTINGS, M.D., *Sec'y.*

Executive Chambers,
State House, Boston, Mass.

I am heartily in sympathy with all organized effort looking to the alleviation of suffering and the uplifting of unfortunate humanity.

The practical and effectual work which the Boston Industrial Home is doing along this special line appeals to me very strongly and should enlist the sympathy and cooperation of all who are interested in the welfare of their fellow-man.

William L. Douglas,
Governor of Massachusetts.

April 3, 1905.

REV. H. A. COOKE, D.D. GEO. W. FOWLE, *Vice-Pres.* REV. WM. BRADLEY.

I have personally examined the beds and table of the Boston Industrial Home and find them excellent. I have also been accustomed for the past year to send nearly all persons applying at my door for help to this Institution. The work test has proven most satisfactory, so that I am more and more of the opinion that it is unwise to give money directly to those who ask for assistance. It is far better to send them where it can be demonstrated whether money will help or harm them.

The Home has been a great help to me, and has really prevented my being overwhelmed by the unworthy who in the past have greatly hindered my work.

HERBERT S. JOHNSON,
Pastor Warren Avenue Baptist Church.

April 5, 1905.

I am pleased to have an interest in the Boston Industrial Home. After examining many institutions throughout the country which deal with the unemployed, it is my emphatic opinion that an opportunity to work for a bed and a meal, as afforded by this Institution, is both wise and Christian. Such a work is highly commendable and deserves generous support at the hands of a Christian community.

S. C. OHRUM,
Pastor Clarendon Street Baptist Church.

April 5, 1905.

OLIVER C. ELLIOT, *Supt.*

City of Boston,
Board of Overseers of the Poor,
Boston, April 6, 1905.

Boston Industrial Home,
17 Davis Street, Boston.

My dear Mr. Elliot: I am very glad to testify to the great value of the Boston Industrial Home as a means for reaching a large class of men who are out of employment and who need some place for shelter. As Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Boston for the last fourteen years I have had frequent occasion to learn about and to use the Industrial Home, and it has been of great value to the city of Boston. It is doing a great deal of good and I hope for its continuance as a permanent institution in this city.

I have been especially interested in the matter of cheap lodging houses in Boston, and have always held up the Boston Industrial Home as a model of its kind in point of cleanliness, sanitary appliances and wise management.

Yours very truly,

William P. Fowler,
Chairman.

CHAPEL

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LAUNDRY

Superintendent's Report

The year just closed marks the completion of the twenty-seventh year of the Boston Industrial Home's work in behalf of the indigent class, and I am persuaded that when you have carefully considered all the chronicled incidents and circumstances connected therewith, the conclusion will be reached that it has been one of the most successful years since the inception of the Institution. The word success in this connection suggests a varied meaning, but to my mind the highest standard of success to which a work of this kind can aspire is the accomplishment of the greatest good to the greatest number who seek the Christian ministration and fostering care of our Home.

The statistics we shall presently submit will show that the past year offered the greatest opportunity for the demonstration of the work, since the number of people lodged and fed was larger by several thousands than ever recorded for any previous year in the history of the Home. We have endeavored to the utmost of our ability to maintain the principles which actuated those whose efforts brought the work into existence, *viz.*, to provide a home with its comforts to homeless men and women who have made shipwreck of their lives, and like dismantled vessels need to refit for the voyage of life. The qualifications for admission are simply a sincere desire to improve the moral condition, together with a disposition to work in return for the hospitality thus afforded in the hour of adversity; and while ministering to their immediate necessities, which at best is but temporary relief, we aim to inculcate those principles which brought the Prodigal Son to himself and

THE WOOD YARD

which present a substantial foundation upon which permanent structures of manhood and womanhood may be reared.

I do not presume to estimate the harvest of good results accruing from the ministrations of our work last year, but as straws indicate the direction of the wind, so the conduct of our people, their cleanly appearance, the absence of turmoil and strife, the uniform observance of our rules and regulations and the noticeable change for the better in many cases, indicate in no uncertain manner the virtue and practicability of the methods applied.

STATISTICS

RECEIPTS

Business done in coal	$26,188 45
" " " wood	7,633 83
Cash received from beds	3,770 23
" " " meals	735 50
Cash donations	171 00
Total	$38,499 01

BEDS

Number beds furnished to men	27,188
" " " " women	9,298
Total	36,486

MEALS

Supplied to men	34,454
" " women	7,040
Total	41,494

DAYS' WORK

Provided for men	11,446
" " women	1,186
Total	12,635

DINING ROOM

BATHS

Given to men	3,646
" " women	1,433
Total	5,079
Number of garments cleansed by steam process	1,250

RELIGIOUS WORK

During the year one hundred and fifty-six gospel meetings were held in the chapel with an average attendance of thirty persons. The work being purely unsectarian in its character, nothing but the essential truths of the gospel are presented at these services. Several hundred temperance pledges have been signed and quite a number of men and women are demonstrating by their lives the efficacy of the gospel influence.

We have been ably assisted in this department by the Gordon Missionary Training School connected with the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, the Harvard College Y. M. C. A., represented by Rev. Henry W. Fancher, and various ministers and laymen from the churches of the South End. In connection with the religious work Mr. Frederick L. Foss, of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, writes:—

My work at the Home has been confined practically to the Thursday evening meetings, which have been very well attended, and pervaded by such a spirit of helpfulness as to give ample evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The respectful attention given to the services on the part of those who attend not only speaks well for the discipline of the Institution, but shows an average of intelligence above that ordinarily come in contact with in mission work.

While the amount of good done in such work cannot be estimated by the number who respond to the invitation to come forward for prayers, it is at least encouraging to be able to say that in a large majority of meetings the invitation has been accepted; the

READING ROOM

largest number at any one time being seven, the smallest number not averaging less than two.

The year's work has led me to believe that to an honest man in need the Boston Industrial Home is a friend indeed, and at the same time a very practical means of dealing with the dishonest and shiftless who are constantly seeking to obtain unmerited favors. If the money given away indiscriminately on the street by charitably disposed people could be diverted into the treasury of this Institution the amount of good it would accomplish would be very materially increased.

ENTERTAINMENTS, ETC.

We are again indebted to Mr. George N. Faught for his kindness in providing vocal and instrumental concerts from time to time, which have furnished wholesome amusement for the inmates.

We observed the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons as usual. In the former instance a sumptuous turkey dinner was provided for over three hundred men and women through the generosity of the hotel proprietors of Boston, who not only gave the turkeys, but cooked them, ready for the table.

At Christmas the New England Conservatory of Music provided a vocal and instrumental entertainment, at the conclusion of which each inmate received a gift in the shape of wearing apparel.

THE DISPENSARY

This important agency of the work has been carried on as in years past. The services of our visiting physician, Dr. Boyd, are constantly sought, and he has responded speedily and efficiently to all our calls. All cases of local trouble are taken care of at the Home, while those of a serious or permanent nature have been taken to the hospital. One patient, an elderly woman, was removed to the hospital, where she died of cancer.

A DORMITORY

It may prove of interest to this Corporation and the public generally to know that the cleanliness of the buildings, our methods and facilities, together with the rigid enforcement of the rules pertaining to bathing, etc., has during the past year received the highest commendation of both the Police and Health Boards of our city.

KIDDER FUND

Through the Kidder Fund the Treasurer paid out $70 for the purpose of sending sick or infirm persons to their homes in distant parts of the state and country.

IN CONCLUSION

I desire to express the keen sense of appreciation I feel for the manifested confidence reposed in me by the Board of Directors, and I sincerely hope that the results of my experimental year as Superintendent will prove sufficient to justify the same, and that by consistent, faithful service I may merit its continuance in the future.

During the past year we were unfortunate in losing the efficient services of Miss Edith MacCallum, the former Matron, who left us to seek the comforts of wedded life. We were, however, exceedingly favored in securing a Matron in the person of Mrs. Wright, who has rendered splendid service in the position, and has endeared herself to all the inmates. Mr. D. J. Hayes is still with us in charge of the wood yard office, and to his conscientious work and the faithful co-operation of the other emyloyees, together with an all-wise Providence, which has strengthened and blessed us all the way, must be ascribed the measure of success attained the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER C. ELLIOT,
Superintendent.

January 26, 1905.

A BATHROOM

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Dr. Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Boston Industrial Home for year 1904. Cr.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1904	$788 50	Paid for Coal and Wood	$25,754 27
" from Sale of Coal and Wood	32,925 96	" " Provisions and Supplies	2,874 34
" " Persons aided	4,505 73	" " New Stable and Improvements	6,473 06
" " City of Boston (teaming)	554 50	" " Stable Supplies	1,835 61
" " Sale of Old Stable	8,000 00	" " Salaries Supt. and Officers	2,507 80
" " Loan	1,990 00	" " Labor, Employees and Transients	4,095 71
" " Bequests	1,100 00	" " Repairs and Improvements	1,011 48
" " Donations	171 00	" " Gas and Electric Light	376 81
" " Mortgages paid	1,000 00	" " Telephone Service	193 79
" " Interest on Investments	323 95	" " Water Tax	234 45
		" " Insurance	93 58
		" " Medical Expense	84 27
		" " Loans Paid	3,590 00
		" " Interest on Loans	82 17
		" " Printing and Stationery	292 21
		Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1905	1,860 09
	$51,359 64		$51,359 64

We have examined the accounts of the Boston Industrial Home and find the same correctly cast and the proper vouchers on file.

LYMAN B. BROOKS,
CHARLES H. STEARNS,
FREEMAN O. EMERSON,
Auditing Committee.

RANDOLPH STREET STABLE PROPERTY AND TWO OF THE COAL TEAMS

Cash Donations

(1904)

Brown, S. N.	$25 00
Brooks, L. B.	5 00
Boston Coal Co.	5 00
Coolidge, T. Jefferson	50 00
Coolidge, T. J., Jr.	25 00
Carver & Blodgett	2 00
Farmer, Lewis G.	1 00
Emerson, D. R. Co.	2 00
Friend	1 00
Fay, S. M.	10 00
Sears, Mrs. F. R., Jr.	10 00
Wood, Frank	25 00
Woods, Mrs. Henry	10 00

Donations of Merchandise

(1904)

American House	1 cooked turkey
Bere, F.	50 loaves bread
Barta Press	Printing 5,000 envelopes
Boston Belting Co.	30 ft. hose (for stable)
Butler, W. S. & Co.	40 yds. crash
Boston Coal Co.	10 canvas coal bags
Brunswick Hotel	1 cooked turkey
Bellevue Hotel	2 cooked chickens
Berkeley Hotel	1 cooked turkey
Carter, John Co.	2,500 envelopes
Chase & Sanborn	100 lbs. coffee
Campbell, Mrs. M. E.	1 box apples
Crawford House	2 cooked turkeys
Clark's Hotel	2 cooked turkeys

Cole, E. E.	1 box oranges
Dwinell–Wright Co.	50 lbs. coffee
Doane, A. P.	1 turkey
Dutton, Andrew	Supplies for mattress repairs
French, Mitchell & Woodbury	Crockery
Fish, Miss	1 skirt, jacket and hat
Fowle, Hibbard & Co.	1 bag beans
Gilchrist Co.	52 yds. sheeting
Grant, S. M.	1 turkey
Jordan–Marsh Co.	1 piece of sheeting and 5 sheets
Kenneson, E. S.	1 turkey
Murphy Varnish Co.	4 gals. H. O. finish, 4 gals. varnish
Newsom & Co.	2 bush. potatoes
New Lexington Hotel	2 cooked turkeys
Nash & Hopkins	Tea
Needlework Guild of America	12 nightgowns
Oakdale Manufacturing Co.	1 tub butter
Parker House	3 doz. pies
Poole, Mr.	Clothing
Revere House	2 cooked turkeys
Rhodes Brothers	4 turkeys
Shepard–Norwell Co.	40 yds. crash
Sanders, H. M. & Co.	50 lbs. white lead
Schmitt, Charles A.	Office sundries
Swaine, Earle & Co.	25 lbs. coffee
Shapleigh Coffee Co.	40 lbs. coffee
Stickney & Poor	1 box mustard
Vendome Hotel	2 cooked turkeys
Wood, Thomas & Co.	50 lbs. coffee
Wheeler, Ashael	100 lbs. white lead
Woodcock Hotel	1 cooked turkey
White, Walter I.	1 turkey

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to the Boston Industrial Home the sum of . . . . dollars, for the purposes for which the institution is established; which is, to furnish a temporary home, with its comforts, to those destitute of friends, money, and out of employment; also, the reformation of the intemperate, etc.

Notice

CAST-OFF CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, ETC., WHICH ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED, WILL BE CALLED FOR IF NOTIFIED : : : :

☞ Telephone, 6;8 Tremont

WOOD

BEST DRY HARD AND SOFT WOOD
Any Length

HARD AND PINE KINDLINGS

BOILER AND GRATE, hard or soft. No charge for putting in or piling wood in cellar

COAL

STOVE, FURNACE, EGG, NUT, FRANKLIN, SHAMOKIN, AND CUMBERLAND

Families and Stores supplied with large or small Quantities, all at Wholesale Prices

ORDERS SOLICITED

Every Order Received on Us Means Relief to the Poor